

Castelli Mannaggia!

£250.00

Castelli has just pipped Rapha to the 'most expensive jacket on test' award, but what do you get for £250? Well, unlike Rapha, who's very focused on that niche, understated style and simple high-quality fabric, Castelli flaunt their innovative design and high-performance fabrics like a peacock.

The fit's very close but, once in position, the added ribbed sections allow for an unrestricted feel and the bike specific cut comes into its own. This is complemented by their choice of lined Gore Windstopper fabrics that provide insulation in cold conditions and allow wicking of unwanted moisture. There are also two zipped 'wind scoops' on the chest to allow quick dumping of heat.

The style is fairly quirky, looking more at home on a motor rather than a push bike, but we liked it. The added extras such as the flip-up high neck, pull tabs for the zip and reflectives complete this £250 top-of-the-range softshell.



VERDICT

- + High performance quality; well insulated
- High price and fit may not be to everyone's liking

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RATING

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